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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: IS, ET
SUBJECT: "LAW OF RETURN" APPLIES TO ETHIOPIAN JEWS

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1. ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT PRESS BULLETIN, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR HILLEL ANNOUNCED MARCH 13, 1977 THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE FALASHA COMMUNITY IS ENTITLED TO COME TO ISRAEL, WHERE HE WILL ENJOY ALL RIGHTS GRANTED UNDER THE 'LAW OF RETURN' TO EVERY JEWISH IMMIGRANT.

2. THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR ADDED THAT A DECISION TO THIS EFFECT HAD BEEN ADOPTED ALREADY IN 1976. AT PRESENT, SOME 500 FALASHAS ARE LIVING IN ISRAEL, WHILE AN ESTIMATED 25,000 FALASHAS REMAIN IN ETHIOPIA. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. AN OFFICIAL IN THE MFA'S AFRICAN DIVISION (BEIN) EXPLAINED TO US THAT THE TIMING OF MINISTER HILLEL'S REITERATION THAT ETHIOPIAN "FALASHA" JEWS COME WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE "LAW OF RETURN" WAS A CONSEQUENCE

OF RECENT LETTERS COMPLAINING OF GOI INACTIVITY ON
THIS MATTER. IN PARTICULAR, HE SAID, MK SHULAMIT
ALONI (CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT) HAD WRITTEN (INCORRECTLY)
THAT THE GOI WAS SHOWING LITTLE CONCERN FOR FALASHA
JEWS. BEIN ADDED THAT THE GOI OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT WISH
TO RAISE THIS QUESTION "AS A NATIONAL MATTER" WITH
ETHIOPIA.
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